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School Messenger Notification System



The Mansfield Schools use the School Messenger system for notifying families and staff in the event of a delayed opening/closing or other urgent/emergency message.

This system includes messages sent via SMS text, phone, and email. Messages are sent to the cell and home phone numbers and the email addresses on file with the school office. To receive text messages you must opt-in to the system. Please complete the "opt-in" process below.

- **Send a text to 67587 from your cell phone(s) with the word "yes".**

We highly encourage you to complete this process as it provides us with one more way to reach you in the event of an urgent/emergency message.

Additionally, please remember to let your school office know if your contact information changes in the future so that we can update our records.

Stephanie Richard
Food Service Director

09/08/2020

Dear Mansfield and E.O. Smith Families,

Effective today breakfast and lunch meals are **FREE** for all children 18 and younger. This federally mandated benefit will be in effect until December 31st, 2020, unless funds are exhausted sooner by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Please read the following:

- If you previously qualified, or believe you may qualify, please **CONTINUE** to submit free and reduced meal applications as soon as possible.
 - Even though all students can receive meals for free, we still need to verify your status for when the federal extension expires.
- You may continue to add money to your child's account. It will remain there for when the federal extension expires. They may also use funds (grades 5-12) to make a la carte purchases. A milk only purchase is still \$0.50.
- If you already received an eligibility notification letter from us, the free, reduced, paid status indicated will go into effect when the federal extension expires.
- If you would like remote meals, for either 5 days, or 3 days, and you haven't already – please complete the survey here <https://forms.gle/hTzLNu3AA3YVECUPA> and food services will get in touch with you to arrange a meal pick-up process.

As always, please contact us with any questions you may have at foodserve@mansfieldct.org.

Have a great day!
Mansfield Public School Food Services

September 2020

Dear Mansfield Public School Families-

Welcome Back as we begin the 2020-2021 school year!

We have newly released **Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) guidelines on MASKS** in school (Addendum 11). As a district it is a requirement that ALL students and staff wear a mask. The CSDE recommended types of masks are: **KN95, surgical or cloth**. *Gaiters and bandanas* are highly discouraged due to effectiveness. The gaiters and bandanas tend to be single-ply, don't always fully cover the face and therefore are not highly effective against droplets.

We suggest that you **label your child's mask** and please send your child to school with a **spare mask in their backpack** in case their mask becomes wet or soiled during the day. Also, it is recommended their mask be washed daily.

If you are in need of a mask and/or a spare, please contact your school nurse.

[Addendum 11: Interim Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings in Schools during COVID-19](#)

Also, as a reminder, please review the **Daily Self Assessment** prior to sending your student to school for the day. It is VERY important that if your child ***doesn't feel well***, they should ***stay home*** and we recommend you call your healthcare provider for follow-up. This applies to staff as well.

[Covid 19 Self Assessment](#)

Please call your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns:

Goodwin Elementary	Southeast Elementary	Vinton Elementary	Mansfield Middle School
Anne Wiant-Rudd, RN	Ingrid Hanka, RN	Danielle Caro, RN	Sue Bertram, RN
860.429.9082 x2	860.423.2790	860.465.8136	Erin Bayne, RN
			860.429.9341

Be Well

Anne Wiant-Rudd, RN
Goodwin School Nurse
District Public Health Liaison
wiantruddar@mansfieldct.org
860.429.9082 x2

Welcome Back!

We are so happy to be back at the
Southeast School Library.



If you still have library books checked out from last spring, we'd love to get them back.

Hybrid schooling learners can bring books in on the first day of your week (Mondays or Thursdays).

If you are a remote learner, please return books into the Mansfield Public Library bookdrop.

If you can't find the books, please let us know. We won't charge any fees, but we'd like to clear up the student accounts.

Sincerely,
Emily Tinnel
Southeast School Library
tinnelew@mansfieldct.org

Dear Southeast Families!

We are so happy to open up the Southeast library to share books with your children. Of course we have to follow strict protocols to keep everyone safe, so the library will work differently this year.

Your child will return their library books weekly on the first day of in-school learning:

M/T students on Mondays

Th/F students on Thursdays

Those are the ONLY days we will accept books. Books need to be quarantined for 4 days before they can be reshelfed, so this way, we can keep everything safe and organized.

Each week, your child will have a few ways to get books. On the first day of their in-school learning, they will make a choice in their classroom of "Surprise me" or "I want books on ____". We will choose 2 books that we think your child will enjoy, then check out and deliver them to your child the next day.

During the week, if your child wants or needs additional books, they can look in our library catalog and send us a request, and we will deliver them.

Things to remember:

- Unfortunately, the library room is closed to students and staff. We take your health and safety very seriously, and until our health experts tell us it's okay, library staff and custodians will be the only people to enter the room.
- Even if your child forgets to return a book, they will be given 2 new books for the week. We will work with you and your child to get the books back to the library.
- If you are uncomfortable having your child bring home library books, please let us know!
- If your child is working on a long book, they may choose not to get the 2 books for the week.
- Please don't forget that the Mansfield Public Library is also open! You can go in and choose books, or call and request books or ask a librarian to select some for you.

Our goal is to make sure every student has a positive experience with the library. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have questions or concerns. We will work with you as best we can, while keeping safety foremost in mind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tinnel and Mr. Maheu
tinnelew@mansfieldct.org

For Boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade

**JOIN
CUB
SCOUTS**



**Cub Scout Pack 61
SIGN-UP NIGHT**

Tuesday Sept 15th at 6:30

Zoom ID: 834 4060 2828

CTPACK61@GMAIL.COM

Hello Potential Cub Scouts!

We are very excited to announce our joining night date and some of the really exciting events we are planning this year. We know that we all have been fumbling through our current pandemic, and Cub Scouts offers a low cost joining fee, good for the whole year, with many programs to both entertain you and your family.

We hope to bring back a bit of normalcy in your lives. We also promise to do minimal fundraising through the families this year to take the extra burden of fundraising away from your wallets. We know it's been hard, so let us make your lives a little easier with Cub Scouts!

We plan on virtual pack meeting once-a-month for the time being, with events like a virtual trip to a planetarium, zoos, museums and more. These will not cost you anything, as the pack will be covering any fees and costs.

Our den meetings once-a-week will be done in person, with a virtual option for parents not comfortable with meeting in person. The virtual option may be sending badge requirements through email and completing these requirements with your family.

We will be doing a virtual zoom joining night, where parents may also ask any questions they may have prior to joining, to make it easier for busy families and safer during the pandemic. The joining night will be September 15th at 6:30, and the link is below.

Topic: Cub Scout Joining Night

Time: Sep 15, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83440602828>

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to email me or our den leaders! We also posted up our joining night on our Facebook fan page. If you would do us the honors of sharing it to your family and friends, and of course liking our page, the link is here:

https://www.facebook.com/Mansfield-CT-Pack-61-Cubscouts-108312837224695/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Thank you, and see you soon!

-- Chelsey Knyff, Pack 61 Cub Master, C: 860-922-4828

-- Richard Pfau, Pack 61 Committee Chair, C: 860-501-0013

-- David Pfau, Pack 61 Den Leader, C: 860-423-8569



MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REUSE REVOLUTION

Mansfield Public Schools encourages students to pack reusable, waste-free lunches to reduce waste, save money and promote children's health.

Reusables are safe, environmentally friendly and save money.

Based on the best available science and guidance from [health experts](#), reusable wares can be used safely by employing basic hygiene and sanitation. Available [evidence](#) indicates COVID-19 spreads primarily from inhaling aerosolized droplets rather than contact with surfaces.

Choosing reusables reduces exposure to [chemicals of concern](#) found in disposable products, such as PFAS and styrene, which affect childhood growth, learning, and behavior, interfere with endocrine and immune functions, raise cholesterol levels and increase the risk of cancer.

Packing a reusable lunch and snack instead of disposables can [save](#) families **over \$400 per student per school year**.

[Life cycle analyses](#) reveal that reusables have **significantly less environmental impact** than single-use disposables, including energy use and air pollution.

The typical American student discards 67 lbs of [lunch packaging](#) and 39 lbs of [uneaten food](#) each school year. If every CT public school student packed a reusable, waste-free lunch, **over 58 million pounds** of trash could be eliminated annually statewide.

Reusable, waste-free lunches help schools and municipalities **cut hauling and disposal fees** by reducing the amount of trash they send to incinerators.

5 easy steps to pack a reusable lunch

- ✓ Buy snacks in bulk and sort them into reusable bags and containers, for less waste and expense than individually prepackaged snacks.
- ✓ Choose reusable lunch boxes, sacks or containers over single-use bags, foil or plastic baggies.
- ✓ Drink water and other nutritious beverages from a BPA-free reusable bottle instead of single-use plastic bottles, cans, juice boxes and pouches.
- ✓ Send a reusable napkin and utensils.
- ✓ Ask your children to bring home uneaten food, so quantities or selections can be adjusted as needed.



After School Friends

Program



3 LOCATIONS
GOODWIN
SOUTHEAST
VINTON

The After School Friends Program offers a safe, fun and relaxed atmosphere for children. Children participate in group games, arts & craft projects, outside time, quiet time for homework and games.

Initial registration needs to be done at the Mansfield Community Center. Register for specific days. Each month you will need to re-register.

There will not be before school care in the fall. Only registered participants will be able to use the drop in program. Space is limited to 10 children per location.



**Fees: \$13.70 per day
for registered
participants.
Drop in \$17 per day**

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OR CALL 860.429.3015, EXT. 0
FOR MORE INFORMATION

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER 10 S. EAGLEVILLE RD, STORRS, CT 06268



Itty Bitty Sports

Come join us with your children to learn a trio of sports. Children will learn the basics of basketball, soccer and tennis with Coach Melissa. Coach Melissa also teaches our junior and little huskies basketball program. Parent involvement is required. We will be outdoors as much as possible each week. In case of inclement weather classes may be indoors or postponed to another week.



Instructor: Coach Melissa Paradis

Dates: Monday, September 14 - October 26
(6 classes) No class 10/12

Time: 5:30-6:25 PM

Location: Vinton Elementary School Gym

Fees: \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents

Activity #: 220055-A

Ages: 3-5 year olds



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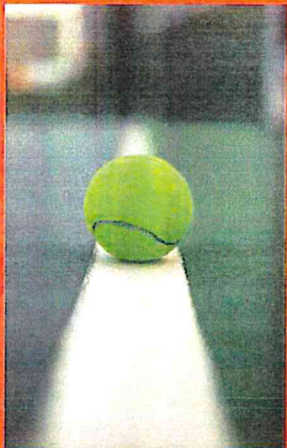
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MICROSPORTS

\$42 Residents/\$52 Non-Residents

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR
KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE
CHILDREN. KIDS WILL LEARN THE
FUNDAMENTALS OF BASKETBALL,
SOCCER AND TENNIS. THE
PROGRAM WILL BE HELD
OUTDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER
THE PROGRAM MAY BE MOVED
INDOORS OR ANOTHER CLASS
ADDED TO THE END OF THE
SESSION.



6:30-7:30 pm at Vinton Elementary school
Monday, September 14 - October 26(no class
10/12)

Activity #: 220056-A

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